# Project Chessed Data Update

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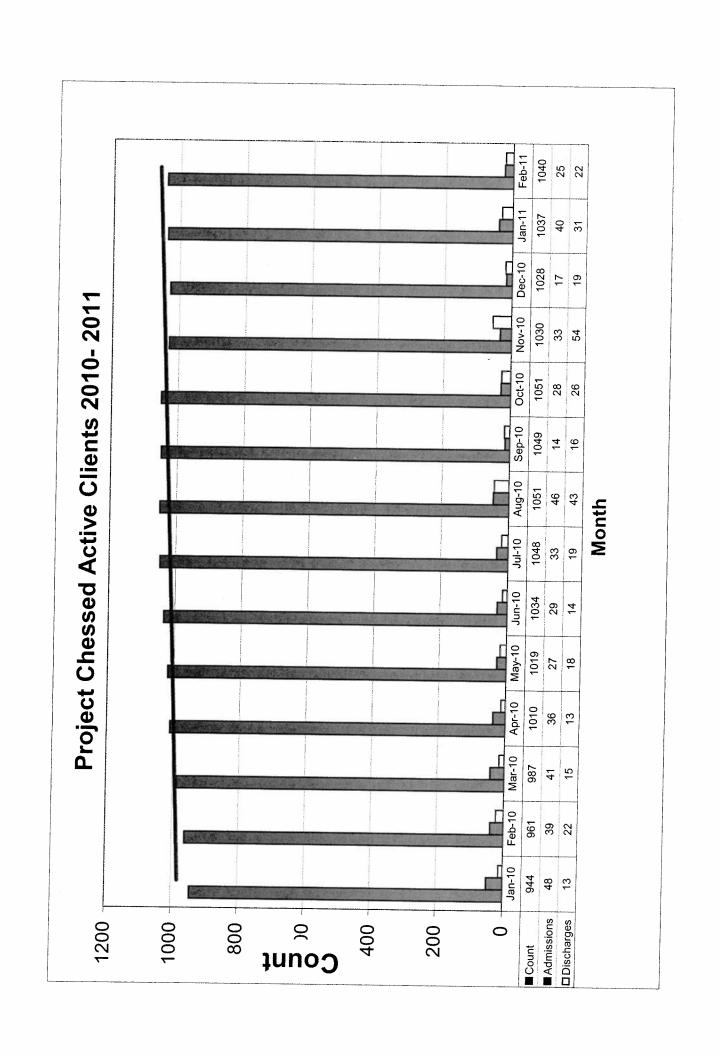
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Date:	December 30, 2010	
I.	Overall Data Current Enrollment in Project Chessed:	1,028 Individuals
	Total Number Served in 2009: Total Number Served 2010 YTD:	1,413 Individuals 1,547 Individuals
in 20 Physici 2010	Physician Office Appointments Donated in 2009:	3,541
	Physician Office Appointments Donated 2010 YTD:	4,627
	Value of Donated Hospital Care in 2009:	\$2.75 million
11.	Demographic Data Gender:	53% female, 47% male
	Employment Status: Full time employment Part time employment Unemployed Retired (under age 65) Homemaker	15% 37% 46% .01% .01%
	Marital Status: Married Single Divorced Widowed Separated	42% 34% 18% .03% .03%
	Age by Decade: 19-20 21-30 31-40 41-50 51-60	.02% 15% 16% 24% 30%

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Project Chessed is...

a referral network of health care practitioners and institutions who partner with Jewish Family Service to provide pro bono care to the *medically uninsured*.

#### Who is eligible?

Adult members of the Jewish community who:

- Are age 19-65
- Are medically uninsured
- Meet income eligibility guidelines (this project is not a Medicare supplement)

#### What services are available?

- Management of common medical problems
- \* Maintenance of chronic health issues
- Referrals to specialty care

#### What is not provided?

- Non-emergency use of emergency departments
- Some specialized procedures
- Durable medical equipment
- · Pediatrics

(Children to the age of 19 will be appropriately referred to the Michigan Child Health Program)

## What about prescribed medication?

Prescription options include:

- Dispensing of professional samples at physician office visits
- Referral to prescription assistance programs
- Access to designated pharmacies, with a modest co-pay

Jewish Family Service gratefully acknowledges the charitable contributions of our individual and institutional partners in care:

- William Beaumont Hospitals
- Botsford Hospital
- Detroit Medical Center
- Henry Ford Health System
- \* Karmanos Cancer Institute
- Millennium Diagnostic Center
- Providence Hospital and Medical Center
- St. John Macomb
- St. Joseph Mercy Oakland
- Straith Hospital

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How do I sign up?

To be evaluated for Project Chessed, contact the eligibility counselor at JFS, 248-592-2321, for a confidential interview.



# Frequently Asked Questions

#### What is Project Chessed?

PROJECT CHESSED, a program of Jewish Family Service of Metropolitan Detroit (JFS), is a referral network connecting medically *uninsured* adults<sup>†</sup> of the Jewish community to health care resources through the donated services of professionals and institutions.

### What is the Project Chessed mission?

PROJECT CHESSED believes that "no patient should be left behind." We are committed to improving health outcomes for medically uninsured Jewish adults, by providing access to donated health care.

### What are the Project Chessed goals?

PROJECT CHESSED goals are: (1) to connect medically uninsured Jewish adults with health care resources; (2) to improve compliance to prescribed treatment; and (3) to decrease the inappropriate and costly use of emergency departments.

## Are you an insurance plan?

No. This is neither insurance, nor a Medicare supplement. It is a referral network, a "clinic without walls," caring for the medically uninsured through community partnerships.

## How are you funded?

This is a "safety net" program of Jewish Family Service (JFS), with major support from The Jewish Fund and other grants. Our individual and institutional partners provide probono care to eligible Jewish adults in our community.

# Asking for help can be very embarrassing. How does the program address this?

Our staff is sensitive, tactful and professional. We are compliant with HIPAA regulations. We are keenly aware that the need for Project Chessed straddles all geographic, economic and denominational boundaries.

# How does a potential client contact Project Chessed?

Uninsured Jewish adults are encouraged to call Project Chessed, (248) 592-2321. Through a 2-step procedure, they will be screened for eligibility before receiving a health assessment. Chessed care staff then arranges appointments and referrals for ongoing, pro-bono care with Chessed professionals.

Between the ages of 19 and 65: government-funded programs address the needs of those below 19 and above 65.